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COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE VOTED PM AUGUST 3 ON LEBANESE AND US DRAFT RESES AND PROPOSED US AMENDMENTS TO LEBANESE DRAFT.

VOTE IN ORDER ITEMS TAKEN UP AS FOLLOWS: (SIX MEMBERS- BURUNDI, COLOMBIA, GUINEA, HAITI, UGANDA, RUMANIA-BEING ABSENT THROUGHOUT VOTING)

I) US DRAFT RES FOR ICJ REFERRAL: 10(US)-38(USSR)-8(UK,FRANCE)

II) US AMENDMENTS TO LEBANESE DRAFT: 10(US)-29(USSR)-9(UK)

III) SEPARATE VOTE RETAIN PARA 1 (B) OF LEBANESE DRAFT:

32(USSR)-11(US)-7(UK)

IV) LEBANESE RESOLUTION: 33(USSR)-8(US)-9(UK)

2. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES VOTED WITH US CONSISTENTLY: BARBADOS, DENMARK, FINLAND, NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN. BOLIVIA ABSTAINED ON ICJ REFERRAL BUT VOTED WITH US ON OTHER ISSUES. CANADA VOTED WITH US ON THREE ISSUES BUT ABSTAINED ON LEBANESE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. ITALY VOTED WITH US ON ICJ REFERRAL AND PARA 1 (C) OF LEBANESE RESOLUTION AND ABSTAINED ON OTHER ISSUES. BELGIUM VOTED WITH US ON ICJ REFERRAL AND PARA 1 (B) ABSTAINING ON OTHER ISSUES. UK ABSTAINED ON THREE ISSUES BUT SUPPORTED US AMENDMENT TO LEBANESE RESOLUTION, FRANCE, BRAZIL, GHANA, JAPAN AND VENEZUELA ABSTAINED THROUGHOUT. SOVIET BLOC VOTED CONSISTENTLY WITH ARABS.

3. STATEMENT EXPLAINING VOTES MADE BY FINLAND, ARGENTINA, KENYA, NEW ZEALAND, BARBADOS, ZAIRE, BURUNDI, USSR AND US. SPEAKING FOR DENMARK AND SWEDEN AS WELL AS SELF, FINLAND EXPLAINED ITS STAND GOVERNED SOLELY BY ITS CONSISTENT ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY. BARBADOS SAW QUESTION SOLELY AS LEGAL ISSUE NOT TO BE DECIDED ON BASIS OF POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS HENCE FAVORED REFERRAL TO ICJ. HE POSED QUESTION TO COMMITTEE AS TO WHETHER UN CAN CREATE REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION AND IN VERY ACT OF SO DOING EXCLUDE MEMBER STATE OF REGION WHICH DESIRED MEMBERSHIP AND HE ASKED WHETHER ISRAEL'S UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRIBUTION TO UN BUDGET COULD, IN LAW AND EQUITY, BE USED FINANCE REGIONAL BODY FROM WHICH IT EXCLUDED. SOVIET EXPLANATION AVOWEDLY POLITICAL, BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF SUPPORT FOR ARAB STATES WHICH LEADING JUST WAR AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION. USSR IS ON SIDE OF ARABS, HE SAID. EGYPT, RESPONDING TO QUESTION POSED BY BARBADOS, SAID THAT ISRAEL'S CONTRIBUTION TO UN MADE FROM RESOURCES STOLEN FROM ITS NEIGHBORS CITING AS ONE EXAMPLE FACT THAT ISRAEL OBTAINED 35 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL VALUED AT 82 MILLION

DOLLARS FROM SINAI IN 1972.

4. IN BRIEF INTERVENTION US EXPRESSED REGRET AT COMMITTEE'S ACTION STATING THAT UN EMBARKING ON DANGEROUS COURSE IN VIOLATION OF CHARTER WHICH MAY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR FUTURE OF ORGANIZATION. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE US ATTACHED TO LEGAL PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, US WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN OTHER FORA SEEKING RECTIFICATION. GHORRA (LEBANON), THANKING COMMITTEE FOR VOTE, SAID HE ACCEPTED RESULT IN SPIRIT OF HUMILITY AND HAD WISHED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. COMMITTEE HAD RENDERED JUSTICE TO COUNTRIES LONG DEPRIVED.

5. THE COMMITTEE AGREED GIVE FLOOR TO ISRAEL OBSERVER WHO REFUTED REPEATED ALLEGATIONS MADE DURING DEBATE THAT ISRAEL HAS BEEN BRANDED AS AGGRESSOR BY UN. HE CALLED COMMITTEE DECISION UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ILLEGAL AND DISCRIMINATORY AND SAID RAISON D'ETRE OF COMMISSION IS NOT TO PROMOTE COOPERATION IN REGION BUT TO KEEP PEOPLE APART. REAFFIRMED ISRAELI INTEREST IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BUT ACCUSED ARABS OF NOT SHARING THIS INTEREST. WHEN GHORRA QUOTED OPERATIVE PARAS OF DRAFT RES VETOED BY US IN SC LAST WEEK, ISREL TOOK FLOOR AGAIN TO POINT OUT THAT DOCUMENT QUOTED BY LEBANON NOT ADOPTED BY SECURITY COUNCIL AND AS SUCH WAS ONLY DRAFT RESOLUTION. BASSIN

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